

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the first Office Action on the merits mailed on September 27, 2007. It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-111 and 118-121 have been allowed and claim 113 has merely been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. It is understood that claim 113 will be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants also note that claims 112 and 114-117 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nosted et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,059,107.

As will be noted above, Applicants have rewritten 113 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It will also be noted that Applicants have cancelled claims 112 and 114-117 which are the only rejected claims. With the amendments to the claims set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now fully in condition for allowance.

As a result, Applicants respectfully request prompt reconsideration of the application based upon the amendments herein, and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance with regard to all of claims 1-111, 113 and 118-121.

For the record, Applicants wish to note that claims 112 and 114-117 have been cancelled merely to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants intend to pursue at least these claims in a continuation application inasmuch as they are all believed to be patentably distinguishable over Nosted et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,059,107 and all the art of record. However, Applicants will defer filing the continuation application directed to these claims until receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance.

If any minor matters remain for resolution, Applicants undersigned counsel respectfully requests that they be most expeditiously resolved by means of a telephonic interview.

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